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PLEASE NOTE: The time for the Bobby Seale lecture was incorrect in previous publicity. The correct time is 6 p.m.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

UNIVERSITY BOARD PRESENTS BOBBY SEALE

CHARLESTON -- Bobby Seale, co-founder and former chairman of the Black Panthers, will speak at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in the Grand Ballroom of Eastern Illinois University's Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Speaking on changing times, Seale calls for a new 90's breed of social and political activism. It was the influence of Malcom X which moved Seale to dedicate himself to "turning this backward racist world around; to make some human sense."

While serving as chairman, Seale was also the Panthers' national spokesman and coordinated a number of nationwide community-based programs including Cooperative Housing, Free Breakfast for School Children and mass voter registration drives.

Today Seale is the creator/director of R.E.A.C.H.!, an organization which teaches youth how to effectively organize their community.

He has an interesting twist on how the party was organized as depicted in

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the movie "Panthers," which will be shown at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Taylor Hall lobby on the Eastern campus. The movie is free and open to the public.

Prices for the lecture are \$1 for EIU students with valid ID's and \$3 for the general public.

For more information, call the University Board at (217) 581-5117 or 581-3117.

The UB Lectures Committee, which offers a variety of speakers representing politics, education and current issues, is sponsoring Seale's lecture, which is part of Eastern's African American Heritage Celebration.